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SUBJECT: UAE AID TO LEBANON

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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIPT OF INFORMATION PROVIDED
REFTEL A WHICH BEING PASSED TO FONMIN SUWAIDI IN RE-

SPONSE TO HIS REQUEST.

2. PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE HAVE GIVEN US
SOMEWHAT CONFUSED PICTURE OF ABU DHABI FUND INTENTIONS
FOR PROJECT FINANCING IN LEBANON. DURING CALL AUGUST 18
LEBANESE EMBOFF TOLD CHARGE THAT \$8 MILLION FROM UAEG
TO BE USED FOR RELIEF OF WAR VICTIMS AND THAT ABU DHABI
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FUND HAD AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE, AS REPORTED TO
UAE PRESS, \$77 MILLION IN LOANS TO PORT OF BEIRUT
AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS. ASKED
ABOUT OTHER PRESS REFERENCES TO LL 300 MILLION LOAN
BY UAE, EMBOFF ASSERTED THAT THIS WAS REAFFIRMATION
OF AN OLD UAE COMMITMENT TO HELP FUND LITANI RIVER
PROJECT.

3. CONTRARY TO WHAT EMBOFF TOLD US, HOWEVER, SENIOR ABU DHABI FUND OFFICIALS TOLD CHARGE' AUGUST 20 THAT FUND'S COMMITMENT TO PROJECTS IN LEBANON AT THIS MOMENT STANDS AT APPROXIMATELY \$17.4 MILLION DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: DH 27.12 MILLION (\$6.95 MILLION FOR ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS AND DH 40.68 (\$10.43) MILLION FOR A FOURTH BEIRUT DOCKYARD. BOTH LOANS CARRY FOUR PERCENT INTEREST (PLUS 0.5PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE) AND ARE REPAYABLE IN TWENTY YEARS WITH FIVE YEAR GRACE PERIOD. FUND HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED REQUEST FROM LEBANON RE POSSIBLE LOAN FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION BUT NO FUND STAFF STUDIES YET INITIATED NOR COMMITMENTS MADE PENDING REFERRAL OF REQUEST TO FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS. OFFICIALS PROFESSED SKEPTICISM THAT FUND INTERESTED CURRENTLY IN LITANI PROJECT. WRAMPELMIER

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